

Thursday, September 3, 1987

Fact

How deep is deep? The Mariana Trench, Pacific Ocean, is 38,635 feet deep.

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They said it

"Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result." -Sir Winston Churchill

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Update

CAMPUS POLICE will begin ticketing vehicles without parking stickers beginning Sept 7.

INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR will be held Sept 4-6 in the Orange Plaza Circle.

LAST DAY TO DROP without a \$10 fee is Sept. 4.

LABOR DAY VACATION is Sept. 7. Classes will resume Sept.8.

THE GROVE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL presents "A Midsummer Night's Dream" until Sept 12. For more information call: (714) 636-7213.

GARDEN GROVE ACTIVITY NIGHT will be held Sept. 9.

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE at Eddie West Field, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

SANTA ANA MAIN PLACE will open on Sept. 4.

CLUB INFORMATION DAY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL Sept. 14.

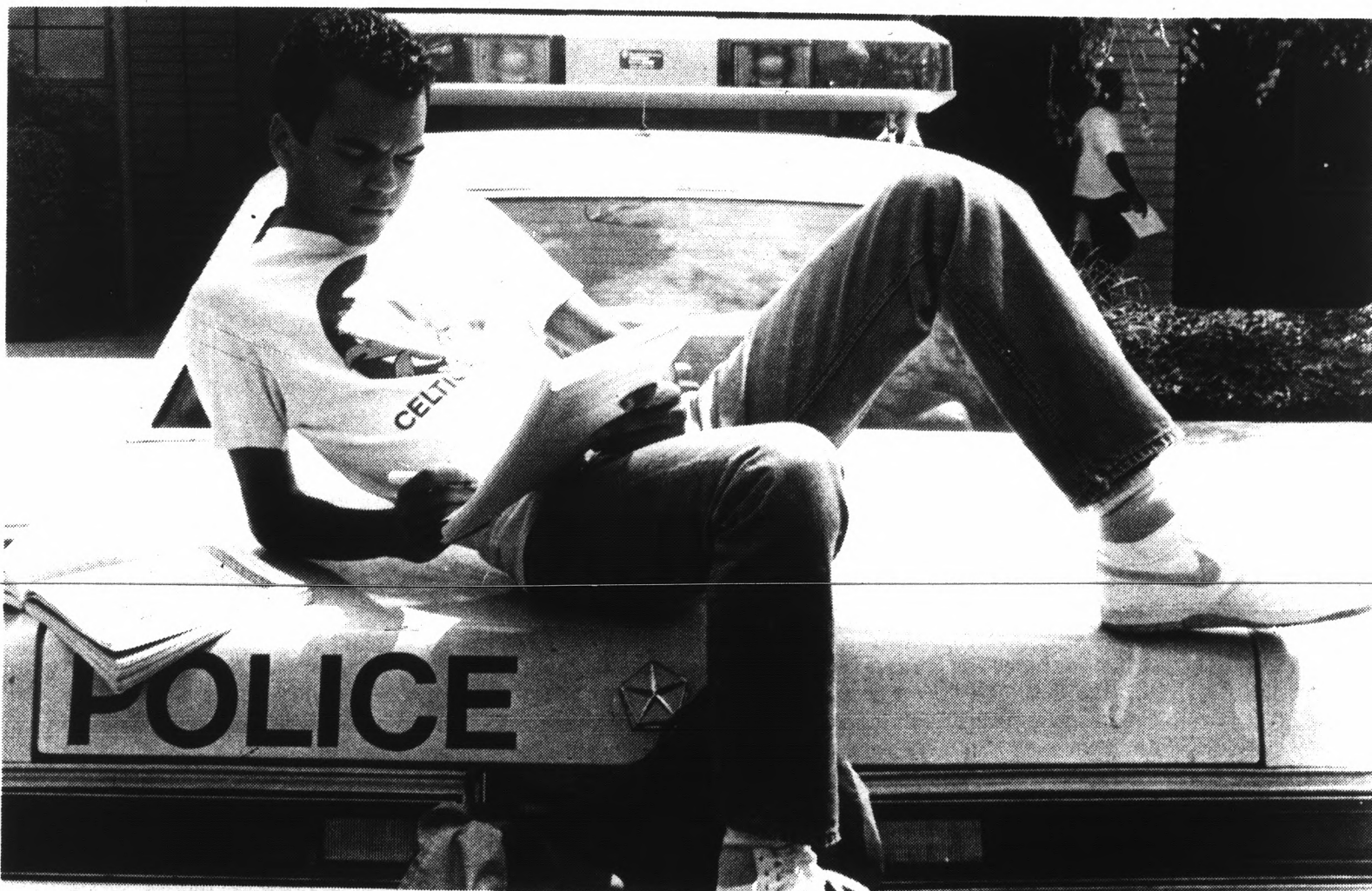
FROSH SENATE APPLICATIONS are due Sept.15.

SPEAKER'S FORUM will host Ray Perez "Living among the Homeless in Orange County" Sept 9, and Jo Lindberg "The art of Hugging" Sept.16

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RSC student Juan Del Rosario takes a break on the back of a campus police car between classes.

Vince Lara/el Don

RSC reaches half-million mark School enrolls 500,000th student

by Dolores Seroy
el Don

Sherry Ann Southard had no idea when she registered for classes last spring that she would become an instant celebrity.

She was officially recorded as the half-millionth student at a press conference on Monday, Aug. 24. RSC first opened in 1915 with 26 students.

Southard was in Santa Barbara for a cheerleading camp when she learned she was to be honored as the 500,000 student. "I got this urgent, urgent message to call at once. I thought that my mother had died but it was the school telling me they wanted to give me an award," said Southard.

At the press conference Southard signed a poster size replica of her permanent number card and was presented with a small brass version

mounted on marble by Robert Jensen, president of RSC.

"We don't have a car to give to you like they do at Disneyland," said Jensen jokingly.

"What I would really like is a parking place," said Southard.

Southard is an honor graduate of Canyon High School and resides in Anaheim Hills with her family. She is currently enrolled in 15 units as an English major.

After completion of an associate of arts degree she plans to transfer to UCLA where she will work toward a baccalaureate degree and teaching certification.

She chose RSC on the recommendation of her high school teacher. "You don't get it (education) any better than you get here and the classes are smaller," said Southard.

"Student activities are very important to me and I'm looking forward to a good experience here," said Southard. She is already involved as a song leader. "Everybody makes you feel very welcome here."



Sherry Ann Southard was announced as RSC's half-millionth student, during a press conference on Monday, August 24.

Rancho Santiago College
Campus Library

College loses thousands annually in swap meet ban



Vince Lara/el Don

Swap meets will no longer be held in RSC's parking lot. Vendors will be forced into new areas.

by Greer H. Anderson
el Don

Santa Ana City Council has banned swap meets after RSC lost a zoning battle which resulted in an estimated \$60,000 loss that was generated annually for its community services, according to David Dobos, dean of students and community services.

For over 10 years, RSC has sponsored swap meets at the Santa Ana Campus and in return received rebates. But according to Ken Adams, Santa Ana city planner, the school never obtained written permission.

"There might have been an agree-

ment between the college and the people running the swap meet but we (the city) were never asked," Adams said.

Zoning laws did not provide for swap meets in open space zones, explained Richard Lay, Santa Ana city attorney. Neighbors around RSC complained of noise, trash, parking and traffic problems. This prompted the city council to adopt a new code prohibiting swap meets in these areas.

The funds RSC previously received from the swap meets were used for community services such as guest speakers and special seminars.

Dobos said the money lost from the swap meets will result in higher fees and additional fees.

"Nothing will be cancelled, it just might cost more," said Dobos.

RSC officials were worried the new law would effect outside organizations' use of campus facilities for future fund raising activities. Lay said that shouldn't be a problem.

"Even non-commercial swap meets may be accepted on a limited basis," said Lay.

RSC is still working with the city council on the exact wording of the code and is expected to come up with some "acceptable language" within the next month according to Lay.

"We'll try to hammer out some language everyone can accept," Lay said.

Administration melts freeze

by Ruth McGinnis
el Don

The hiring and purchasing freeze imposed last Feb. 17 has thawed, according to Robert Jensen, RSC chancellor.

The freeze, which became necessary to recoup a budget short-fall, was lifted on June 30, 1987, the end of RSC's fiscal year.

"We were able to realign and balance the budget," Jensen said. The short-fall had occurred as a result of the loss of projected revenue from the state lottery.

Bob Matthew, RSC vice president for business and fiscal affairs, called the freeze a "stop-gap measure" designed as a short-term solution.

"We estimate that we were able to save \$300 thousand as a result of the freeze," said Matthew.

As of July 1, 1987, administration was able to resume spending and hiring as usual. The so-called Golden Handshake Plan, which encourages early retirement with benefits, was implemented as a follow-up to the freeze, according to Matthew.

Dobos replaces McCain as Dean

by Dolores Seroy
el Don

Students may be surprised to find Don McCain, former dean of students and community services, returning to school as a full-time student this semester.

"I look forward to trying something new," said McCain, as he prepared to leave his office of the past 13 1/2 years.

He is enrolled in defense contract administrative system at the Garden Grove Campus, business management at the Santa Ana Campus, and personal finance at Cypress College.

"When I took this job, I said I wanted to finish my career as a teacher," he said. McCain, 50, will begin teaching in January 1988, and hopes to retire at age 55.

"I wouldn't take \$1 million for the last 13 1/2 years, but I wouldn't do it for 13 more years for \$1 million," said McCain.

David Dobos, 39, former assistant dean of physical education and athletics, will replace McCain.



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Big A bans parking lot drinking

The City of Anaheim has finally taken a step in the right direction by not allowing alcohol to be consumed in the parking lot of Anaheim Stadium before any event.

It has long been a problem for many cities that have professional sports franchises. Fans decide they need to become intoxicated before a game or concert starts by drinking in the parking lot. Add that to two or three more once inside the stadium and no one can have a pleasant time.

Some cities and teams have already instigated rules that requires beer to stopped being served after the seventh inning or third quarter or to anyone who appears to have had too many. Anaheim, who has not had the problems cities like Detroit has, decided to augment their already standing rules by outlawing the before game drinks. Fans act as if they have been offended, though, by such rules. None, however, have yet to find the paragraph in the Constitution that says "the government shall make no law to inhibit the partaking of alcohol at stadiums."

Maybe it's time they, and the rest of the country, realized that being drunk is nothing to be proud of. If they desire a beer or two while watching the game, that is up to them alone. If they want to get drunk, they deserve to be thrown in jail.

People should stop grouching about Anaheim's new law and applaud it. Maybe other cities and stadiums would follow suit. That way those who wanted to drink would stay home, leaving the game or concert to those who simply want to enjoy it.

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Books return to the classroom

Congratulations to two federal appeals courts recently who both overturned lower court rulings that banned books because they did not support certain people's religious beliefs.

In Alabama 44 textbooks were being banned because a fundamentalist Christian group claimed they did not allow their children a proper religious direction. In Tennessee books such as "The Diary of Anne Frank" had been banned because parents did not like the idea of different religions being presented to their children as equal.

Apparently the fact that the Constitution prevents the government from establishing a religion had escaped the lower courts.

The Constitution was not established just for Christians or just for Jews. Our founding fathers realized that one of the reasons people came to America was for religious freedom. The Constitution protects the rights of people to live and worship the way they see fit. It does not allow one set of people to tell another how to live.

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AIDS phobia heats up

Last Friday night in Arcadia, Florida, a mysterious fire swept through the home of Clifford and Louise Ray. The Rays have been fighting for the past year to have their three school age boys, all of whom test positive for AIDS, allowed back into public school.

Residents of the farming town have been trying to block the Ray children from attending school. While their concern over their own children is admirable, their AIDS-phobia is not. Researchers have said repeatedly that a person cannot catch AIDS from being in the same room, using the same rest room facilities, or even from touching or hugging an AIDS victim. But still the ignorance grows.

Although it is as of yet unknown if the fire was set because of the boys, arson is suspected. It adds just another incident in the growing list that seems to be screaming for government to step in and educate the public.

All levels of government should be concentrating on helping the public learn more about AIDS. Although it would be unfortunate, maybe the Ray incident will finally spark enough burning concern in people to force government's hand. We need to know. Government has the responsibility to teach us. If they don't, no one will. What would it cost the government? Not much in comparison to an MX missile, or another raise for Congress. The private sector has tried to help by way of non-profit organizations printing pamphlets, but that has been blocked by people who claim they were offended.

So it is left to the government to educate us so that another incident such as the Ray's went through will never have to be experienced again. If they don't, we can just sit back with the Ray's and watch a number of our country's hopes and dreams go up in flames.

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Are pink rabbits in your future?

Lowell Bennink
el Don

For all you interested in astrology, listed below are the official el Don horoscopes for the fall semester.

ARIES- Your doctor will tell you that you have cancer of the colon. But your worries are needless when you find out that Liquid Paper is the cure.

TAURUS- Being under the sign of the bull, beef is not recommended in your diet for the fall. Fortunately, this does not leave midnight raids to McDonalds off your list.

GEMINI- Even though you thought that school was a good idea, you realize that transversing the parking lot takes up the better part of your day. However, you do become prosperous by opening up a Gatorade stand for wayward students.

CANCER- See Aries. But not too often. Cancer of the colon is highly contagious.

LEO- You already feel bad enough having your astrological symbol named after a luncheon meat. Your fate gets worse when you begin to fall in love with a midget German lady who insists on talking about sex all the time.

VIRGO- The sign of the virgin. If you were, odds are you still will be by the time Christmas rolls around. If

you aren't, at least try to keep away from people with cancer of the colon.

LIBRA- You suddenly will fall into a management position at a DeLorean dealership, only to find out the company closed years ago. Beware of white powder.

SCORPIO- Just when you think it can't possibly get any worse, you find out that Oliver North is secretly living in your closet.

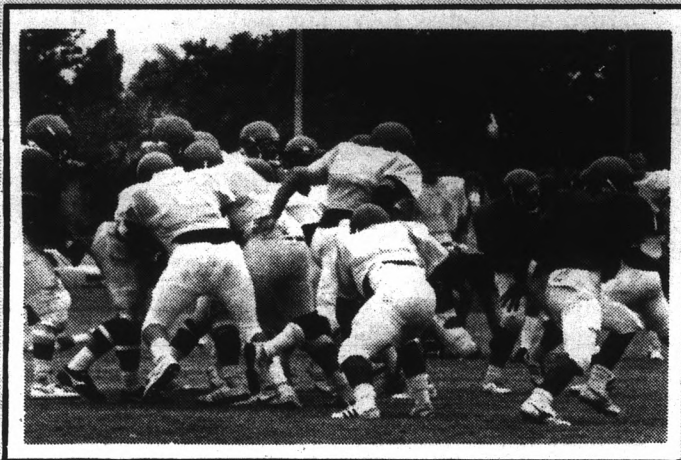
SAGITTARIUS- You will win \$1.5 million in the lottery. But then the IRS will find out that your great grandfather left you a healthy chunk of land; including \$2.5 million in unpaid taxes.

CAPRICORN- Beware of balding men in cheap suits bearing gigantic pink rabbits. You don't know where that rabbit has been before. It may have been with an Aries.

AQUARIUS- You remember that old song, "The Age of Aquarius?" Well, it still isn't. While taking a bath, thick melodic music will start and a giant fin will appear. You will never be heard from again.

PISCES- You were born under the sign of the fish. Isn't that bad enough without starting to smell like them? Keep away from Aquarius. Sharks like fish.

Practice makes perfect



Three scramble for Cook's position

Quarterback controversy continues

by Robert Hernandez
el Don

With only a week to go before conference games begin, the Dons QB controversy continues with three players vying for the position.

Wade Clester, Rick Burns and Greg Beckman are all trying to impress coach Dave Ogas with their abilities. After the game tomorrow night at Eddie West Field, the controversy should be over according to coach Ogas.

With having eight offensive players returning to lineup this season the Dons are experienced. The defense on the other hand only has four returning starters for the opening game.

"We have experience on the offense but we have to bring our defense to a level of performance," said Ogas.

The team lost three players this year due to ineligibility because of poor grades.

This year the team has mainly worked on fundamentals, conditioning and on reducing mistakes. The main concentration this summer was not to have any injuries to any of their players.

Coach Ogas feels optimistic on the year.

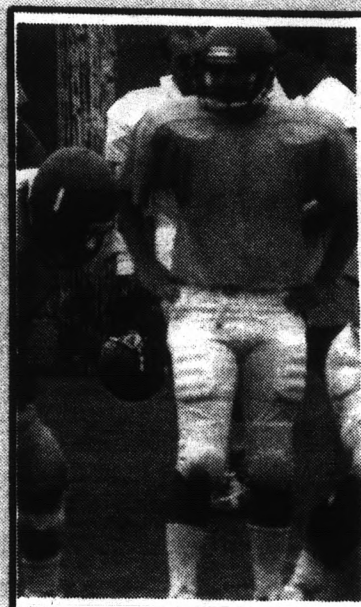
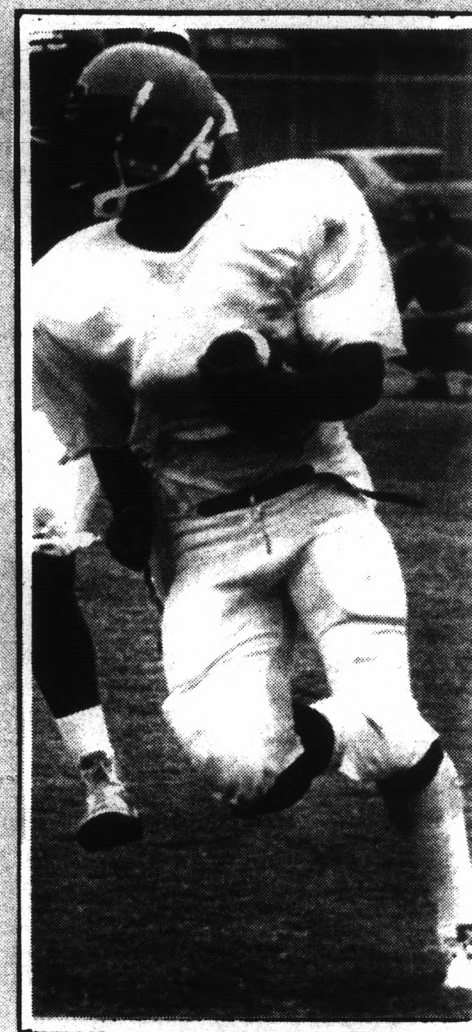
"We have good players and talent this season," Ogas said. "Depth is a problem though at certain positions. We have a decent team and hope to improve on last years records."

The season begins Saturday, September 12, against Fullerton College at Eddie West Field at 7 p.m.

The Dons are preparing for the game working on blitzing and Fullerton's physical offense.

All summer long the football team practiced and conditioned for the upcoming season in which the Dons hope to better their 6-4 record of last year.

Gabe Garcia/el Don



Sports calendar

Wed. Sept. 9, Volleyball vs. Fullerton, 3 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 11, Football vs. Fullerton at Eddie West Field, 7 p.m. Soccer vs. Fullerton at Fullerton, 3 p.m.

Sat. Sept 12. Cross Country at the Fresno Invitational, 9 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 13, Water Polo vs. USC JV at USC 4 p.m.

Tues. Sept 15, Soccer vs. Alumni, TBA

Thurs. Sept 17, Water Polo vs. UC Berkeley JV at Berkeley, 2 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 18, Volleyball vs. Pasadena at Pasadena, 7 p.m.

Fri.-Sat. Sept 18-19, Water Polo- San Joaquin Delta Tournament in Stockton, all day

Sat Sept. 19, Cross Country- Mira Costa Invitational in San Diego, 9 a.m.

Sun. Sept. 20, Soccer vs. San Diego, 12 noon

Sports

Quote of the week

"You can't top this-Best in the USA."
Bob Garcia, coach of the Northwood,
Irvine little league team.
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Aliceje Savenye/el Don

This year's pep squad hopes to promote school spirit in RSC students.

Nietzel leads team

Cross country
looking to
go distance

by Wendy Reynolds
el Don

Although it is not anyone's birthday, RSC men's and women's cross country teams are looking for many happy returns.

The mens team's number one returning runner is Greg Nietzel, who placed in the state finals last season. Nietzel is joined by returning runners Jim Sorenson, Gilbert Vasquez, Carlos Nava and Dave Moore.

Siddons expects that Sorenson and Vasquez will do particularly well due to their training over the summer in which they ran 50 to 70 miles per week, and also attended a week long running camp at Yosemite.

Newcomers to the team are Art Garza and Peter Avila, who Siddons

believes will do well this season.

The runners who make up the women's team are Gloria Garcia, Robyn Strauss, Robin Young and Imelda Nava. All of the women runners this year are freshmen.

"The womens team needs experience," Siddons said, "but they are very hard workers."

This year Siddons says he would like to see the team show more spirit by working together and helping each other in practice. Siddons believes this will help the team achieve its goals.

Some practices are being held at Irvine Park, the team's home site, as well as at RSC's Santa Ana campus. RSC should have an advantage at the end of the season when they host the South Coast Conference finals and the Southern California finals.

"Consistency in practice equals consistency in the meets," Siddons said. He believes that discipline and confidence will give the team what it needs to reach the state finals.

The men and women's team will have their first meet on September 12 when they compete in the Fresno Invitational.

Pep squad has the moves

Cheerleaders hoping
to raise school spirit

by Lynette Martinolich
el Don

With fall just around the corner, the shedding of trees will begin, wool sweaters will be taken from the closet and of course, football will commence play.

Standing on the sidelines will be eight, dedicated girls, striving to help bring the Dons not only to a victory, but also a unity among RSC fans.

Discipline and hard work are the main ingredients to make any group or organization successful. The members of the squad look not only to achieve this as a group, but also as an individual so one hundred percent can be given for a successful season.

"It takes someone special to be part of the pep squad because there are so many elements involved," said advisor Leslie James.

Cheering is only one of the many responsibilities the squad acquired when chosen. Leadership and communication skills are required as well as endured during each term.

"It's not only what you put forth out on the field, but what you show to everyone around you during school and in uniform that counts," said cheerleader Maria Medina.

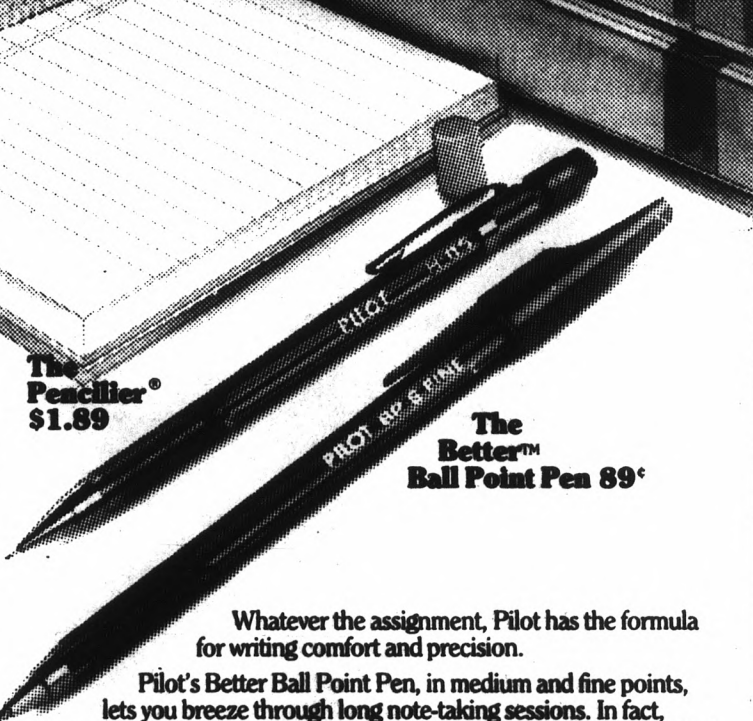
Returning from a demanding week of cheerleading camp in Santa Barbara, the girls came home with new ideas for routines, crowd chants and pep rally pleasers; all of which are designed to bring spirit among the squad and RSC fans.

"Camp was hard and demanding, but we learned a lot of valuable traits for preforming as well as having unity among us," said songleader Janina Armendariz.

The squad hopes to see much support from RSC students and athletes, for they will be out there, attending most athletic events giving their support.

"We hope students and fans will attend the games and give their support because of all the work we and the athletes put in," said cheerleader Melanie Seasholtz.

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Trade shows: showcases of culture shock

by Terri Vernon
el Don

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Trade shows: they'll dazzle and delight you, tantalize and tease you. But mostly what they do is baffle you with bull!

Over 900 exhibitors covered the floor of the Anaheim Convention Center like a genuine hand crafted Chinese rug covers the oil spots on my garage floor (I'm lying).

And would you believe this precious piece of art, flown in from the People's Republic, only costs \$19.99? Believe that and the next booth over there has a free drawing every hour.

An estimated crowd of 100,000 visitors paid \$5.50 per person to walk five feet per minute through a crowd of beer drinking, ice creamed drowned, wet diapered individuals all carrying their super absorbant chamois cloths (and if you bought more than one, you got a free bucket).

Men attempted to look like cowboys by sliding the wooden measuring stick through their belt buckle, while the women clung onto the plastic bag containing such information as rain gutters, drapery and toilet seat covers that automatically dispersed a scent according to how much you choose to put in.

And let us not forget those ever so popular mommy's pushing the twins through the crowds giving everyone flat tires on the back of their shoes.

In the midst of the crowd, the violin players made their way down the aisles looking like the 91 freeway on a Friday evening. Of course, not a tune was heard because of the woman selling the "Snackmaster" or the man on the corner opposite her selling the

"Slice-o-matic" that slices and dices, grates and peels, in half the time (at least for him).

My husband was particularly taken

by the man selling the Shop Smith Mark IV and how it made the fine crafted dining room table in 10 minutes, yet only took 10 seconds to carve

into our wallets. It looks quite lovely on the rug in the garage.

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KYOU tunes in for second victory

by Mindy Malone
el Don

Winning is becoming a tradition for KYOU.

For the second time in a row, RSC's newscasting team entered the Home Town Video Awards and brought home first place.

The national award, which is the equivalent of a local television Emmy, is sponsored by the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers.

This year there were 1,400 entries, 15 different categories and 80 winners. The category in which KYOU won its award was Best News Series with their show "Around and About Orange County."

The awards ceremony took place in Chicago at the Chicago Hilton on July 16.

Jean West, KYOU producer, and Terry Bales, executive producer and adviser, were invited to accept the award. West was unable to attend the ceremony due to engine problems on her flight.

Bales, who took an earlier flight, was able to attend the event and accept the first place award for RSC's telecommunications department.

"To win an award is great but to win the same award twice in a row, now

that shows that the students are learning and are very dedicated," Bales said.

At the awards ceremony, a clip from each of the award winners was shown.

The clip decided upon to represent KYOU was Denise Salazar's five minute segment on The Discovery House, a children's museum.

Based in a Victorian home, the museum is a place where people can go and see the way life was in "the Olden Days."

To make the museum all the more interesting to the audience, employees of The Discovery House act and dress in Victorian era fashion.

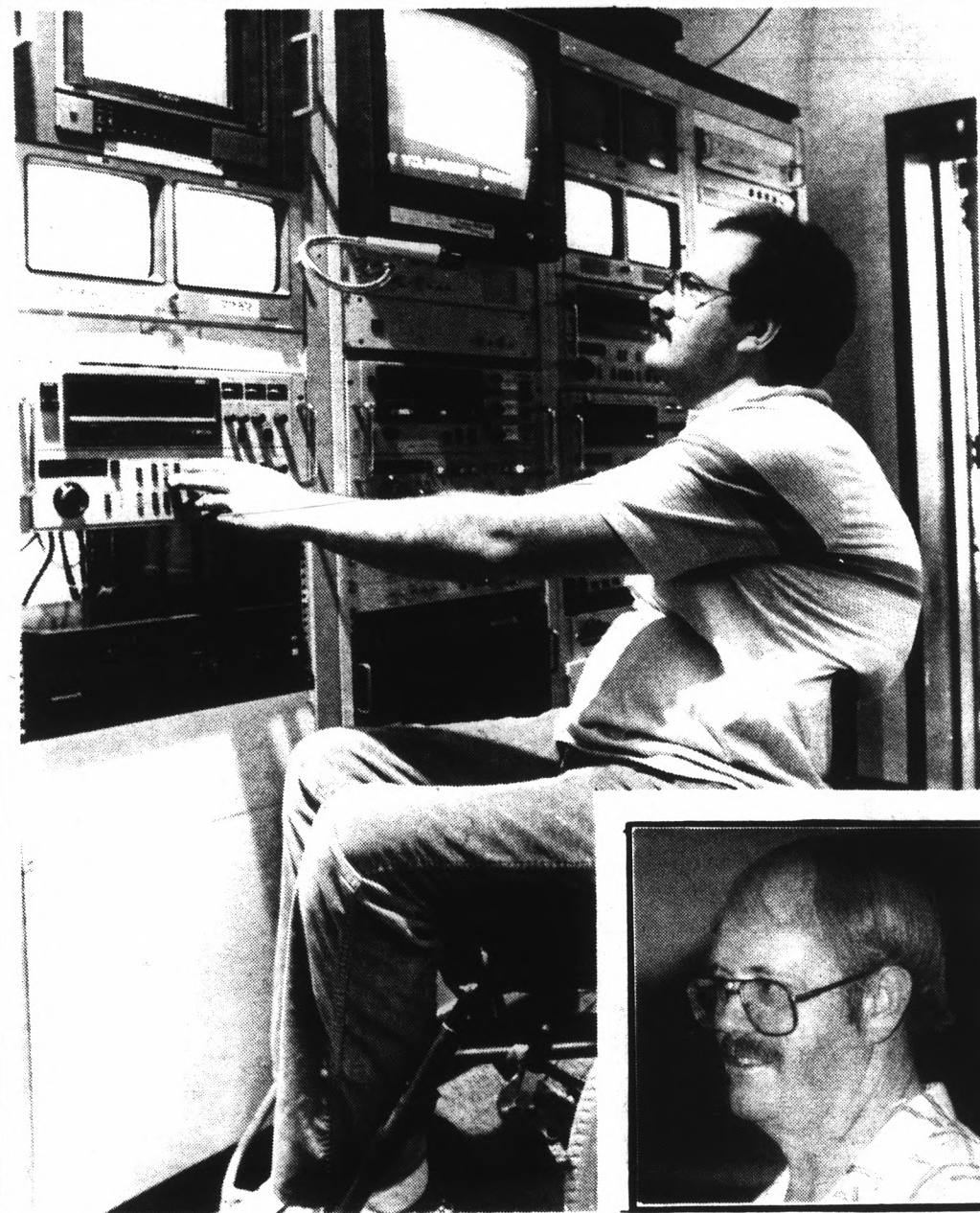
During the filming of the story, Salazar dressed in costume also.

"It took me four years of talking to convince my students to cover The Discovery House," Bales said. "The museum is only about a block away (from the KYOU studio)."

A celebration for winning the award will be put off until the end of the semester when the journalism department holds its awards banquet.

"We're going to have the award mounted on a plaque and present it to RSC's Board of Trustees," said Bales.

KYOU will be returning on the air starting Sept. 3, Thursday nights at 7 p.m. The newscasters are all students of RSC's telecommunications classes.



Greg Clifford/el Don

Mike Obermeier, staff person at KYOU, checks out the station logo. Telecom adviser Terry Bales, inset, accepted the national award.

Fine and Performing Arts Events: Fall '87

Beauty in the Beast: Animals in Contemporary Art by California Artists

This exhibition takes place from Sept. 16 through Oct. 9. Opening reception will be in the Art Gallery, Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sugar!

RSC's Theater Arts Department presents this musical comedy based on the book by Peter Stone, which was the basis for the movie "Some Like It Hot." The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Oct. 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20, along with matinee performances on Oct. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. in Phillips Hall Theater. For information call (714) 667-3163.

"Holy 20th Anniversary Salute, Batman!" RSC's Annual Tribute to a T.V. Classic

The Telecommunications Department have invited Adam "Batman"

West and Burt "Robin" Ward as the guests of honor at the 6th annual "Tribute to a TV Classic." Cesar Romero (The Joker) will also be making an appearance. The full length 1967 Batman movie will be shown. It all takes place Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Cook Gymnasium. A \$10 donation to sponsor scholarships is requested. For information call (714) 667-3266.

Prints From Puerto Rico

Exhibition: Oct. 29 through Nov. 25. Opening reception will be in the lobby in the Humanities building Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibit will feature original wood and linoleum cuts from the top print makers in Puerto Rico. Latin American art historian Dr. Shifra Goldman is the curator for this show.

Dance Master Class Series

The Dance Department has brought in another season of master classes in jazz, modern, ballet and tap. Taught by different guest artists, the first class in this series will be headed by Siri Sat Nam Singh on Nov. 7 and will feature modern dance. Meetings will be Saturdays, Nov. 7, March 5, and May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room G-108,

Cook Gym. For information call Eve Stabolepszy at (714) 667-3506.

Jazz Band Concert

Both traditional and contemporary hits will be featured by RSC's Jazz Band, led by Ben Glover. Tickets are \$5 for the general public, \$4 for students, seniors and children under 12.

Annual Holiday Art Sale

Art and Photography students of RSC will be offering their works of art for sale. Take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to invest in original, quality art at reasonable prices. It's just in time for the holidays, so drop by and fill your shopping list with unique ideas. The sale takes place on: Dec. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Art Gallery, Humanities Building.

Faculty Dance Concert

An annual event, the dance concert combines the talents of RSC's faculty, commissioned professionals and guest composers to bring to life an evening filled with jazz, modern, ballet and tap. Tickets are \$5 and \$6. For information call (714) 667-3506.

Jazz Singers in Concert

Rapid Transit and Village Jazz Singers directed by Scott Fredrickson will perform Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall Theatre. The groups will be accompanied by a small instrumental combo. Tickets will be \$4, for the public, \$2 for students, seniors and children under 12.

Repertory Theatre

The RSC Professional Actors Conservatory will present its inaugural repertory season that features three theatrical works in classic, modern classic and contemporary. Seats are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students, seniors and children under 12. For information call (714) 667-3109.

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ASB happenings

September

- 7- Labor Day (holiday)
- 14- Club Information Day
- 25-27- ASB Leadership Conference
- 28- Monday Nite Football Bash

October

- 9- BBQ/Concert/Pep Rally
- 12- Homecoming Applications. Out
- 12- Trivia Quiz Bowl
- 16- RSC Private Party at Magic Mountain
- 30- Annual Halloween Contests/Events

November

- 4- Aids Awareness Day at RSC
- 4-6- Homecoming Court elections
- 6- BBQ/Concert/Pep Rally
- 17-21- Homecoming Week
- 17- BBQ/Entertainment
- 20- BBQ/Concert/Pep Rally
- 21- Homecoming Game; pregame and half-time show; Football-Saddleback at RSC
- 23-1/18- Toys for Tots Drive
- 26-27- Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 30- Monday Night Football Bash

December

- 4- BBQ/Concert/Pep Rally
- 7- Monday Nite Football Bash
- 12- Instruction ends
- 14-19- Finals/Book Buy-Backs
- 21-1/19- Winter Recess

Movie review ■ by Darrel Warren el Don



In 1983, "Flashdance" and "Footloose" became movie phenomenons because of their stylish dance sequences and soundtracks.

Today director Emile Ardolino's "Dirty Dancing" is a mild attempt to recapture the lost generation of the dance movie musical.

Actually the title is misleading for this PG-13 film.

Perhaps "Daddy, I Wanna Dance" or "The Rebel and the Rich Girl" would be more accurate.

The movie focuses on Frances "Baby" Houseman (Jennifer Gray), an innocent young woman who, in the summer of '63, is looking for some value in life.

Enter bad boy Johnny (Patrick Swayze) who would rather be anything other than the hotel dancer and part-time gigolo he is.

Inevitably the two meet, dance to some grand music (including songs by

The Ronettes and The Contours), break up and reunite to swing and swirl in the big dance finale.

Gray, last seen kissing Charlie Sheen in "Ferris Beuller's Day Off," is an excellent actress and talented dancer.

Unfortunately, she is overpowered by the mediocrity of the film's plot.

Swayze ("Red Dawn", "The Outsiders"), also a quality dancer, cannot overcome the shallow material he is forced to work with. His best career bet would be to find a script that gives him a wider range rather than his usual window dressing.

Another contributing factor to "Dancing's" downfall is the music.

The audience receives a minimal dose of 1960s hits ("Be My Baby", "Do You Love Me"), with the rest being watered down with 1980s stylized funk reminiscent of an episode of "Fame".